

— N. C. Federated Youth Clubs —

Annual N.C. Youth Convention Of Federated Clubs

By Mrs. Lucille Albright, Director

Miss Gwendolyn Brown, State Youth President, of Durham announces following plan for the convention. She urge all Girl's Clubs to join her for this meeting.

Those present on Friday, June 12th sit in on the Adult General Sessions and especially the Workshop from 1:00 to 3:00 P.M. From 3:00 to 4:00 PM will be Youth Hour with the Adults. At this time the Elimination of Oratorical Contests will be held: subject: "A New Birth of Freedom."

Friday Night, June 12th; Mrs. Lucille Albright, presiding; Winner of the Oratorical Contest will speak; N. C. Youth President, Miss Brown will introduce the guest speaker. Address — Miss

Youth Department Asheville Federation

Making plans and looking forward to being host for the N. C. Junior Federation in June. Invitation is extended to all club girls to attend.

This fall activity was a Harvest Dinner Party. They joined the Merchants Association Christmas Parade. They worked with United Nations Day program for the city.

Lolita Lenny Rogers—Reporter

MY CREED

"I do not choose to be a common man. It is my right to be an uncommon man if I can. I seek opportunity, not security. I do not wish to be a kept citizen, humbled and dulled by having the state look after me. I want to take the calculated risk, to dream and to build, to fail and succeed. I refuse to barter incentive for idle. I prefer the challenges of life to the guaranteed existence, the thrill of fulfillment to the state calm of Utopia. I will not trade my freedom for beneficence nor my dignity for a handout. I will never cower before any master nor bend to any threat. It is my heritage to stand erect, proud and unafraid; to act and think for myself, enjoy the fruits of my creations and face the world boldly and say, this I have done.

This is what it means to be an American."

—Dean Alfange

J. A. Ford, N.A.C.G. President; Music.

Saturday, June 13th; Youth General Business Session Afternoon will be used for entertainment by Host Youth Clubs.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GIRL'S CLUBS will be holding its next Biennial in Denver, Colorado July 25 to August 1, 1964. It is hoped that North Carolina girls will be there. The program promise to be of great interest with; oratorical contest, fashion revue, talent show, tours, workshops, buzz sessions and planned recreation. Plans are in the making for a chartered bus trip to Denver.

"Know thyself — Learn more — Climb higher."

College? You'll Make More \$\$

Blunt facts from a U. S. Census bureau survey:

(1). Today's college graduate will average \$268,000 in income during his lifetime.

(2). The college graduate will earn on the average \$103,000 more than those who finish only high school.

(3). The high school graduate will earn an average of \$49,000 more than the fellow who quits school after 8th grade.

(4). High School graduates are on top financially at ages 22-24.

(5). Between 25 and 29, high school and college graduates make about the same — averaging \$2900 a year.

(6). In early thirties, the average college man earns \$5000 a year. High school men average less than \$3500.

(7). In late 30's and early 40's, college men approach the \$7000 a year level. The high school men average \$4000 a year.

(8). From 45 to 54, the college men average is \$8000. The high school man average is \$4500.

(9). After 55, the income of the less educated man falls rapidly. But at 75 the average college man still has an income topping \$5000.

Joyce A. Ford of Albany, N. Y. Is N. A. C. G. President

A member of the National Association of Girl's Clubs since she was 15 years old. She is now a student in the freshman year at Central State College in Wilberforce, Ohio. She is majoring in Elementary Education; pledging Delta Sigma Theta and president of her dormitory.

Back home in Albany, New York, she has been president of the local girl's club, The Law-son Debs for three years.

Early in her high school career

she became interested in public speaking and won in many cases where contest were held. Once she entered the National Girl's Convention Oratorical Contest and won second place.

Her high school experiences included, essay writing, dramatics, year book staff, and member of National Honorary, Foreign League and debate clubs. She has been president of the N.A.C.G. since her election in 1960.

POVERTY IN THE MIDST OF PLENTY

What is poverty? According to N. C. plans for "War on poverty"—the attack will be launched to improve families with an annual income of less than \$3,000. That is one answer to the question.

Webster dictionary says "Scarcity of means of subsistence—Inadequacy."

World Book Encyclopedia says: "A person is poor who cannot afford to do what is expected of him."

A U.S. Dept. of Labor survey presents three major classes of poverty.

1. The unemployed
2. The "retired" elderly person
3. The semi-skilled and unskilled

Governor Sanford is calling on all civic clubs in N. C. to aid in "Poverty War" in our state.

As a race we are as familiar with poverty as any group. Persons in these classes are often our next door neighbor, members of our church, etc.

Opportunity knocks at our club doors, a challenge is before the house. Can we stand or sit idly by?

"Unfortunately the fund will be able barely to scratch the surface as far as money is concerned. But I hope it will show communities how to do something about breaking this cycle of poverty with the many resources and agencies available to them," says Gov. Sanford.

Plans published are that the Board of Directors of the N. C. Fund are studying 51 proposals for comprehensive community projects from 66 counties. It is rewarding to learn that Dr. William Darity, former world health consultant, has just been named assistant Fund Director. A Negro is certainly needed in this work in our state. We wish him well.

We are not surprised to read that

the poverty problem, both in N. C. and in the Nation, is greatest among the non-white population. Statistics show that more than 50 percent of the non-whites live in poverty. The \$2,000 or less median.

Newsweek Magazine, February 17, 1964, sighted eight examples, representative of impoverished families over the country. They were interviewed and are described as follows:—"Some have always been poverty-stricken, some only recently; some are not yet, though headed in that direction. Significantly perhaps, none has ever been wealthy, nor even prosperous. And none is an "operator," able or even willing to exploit all the relief and charity possibilities open to him. Finally, nearly all have pressing health problems and nearly all, somehow, have hope. The impoverished are people too"

Why such poverty is civilized America, the land of plenty, in the face of mounting wealth? Earlier we named three classes of poverty. I now present three existing conditions responsible for this poverty.

1. Economic conditions
2. Health conditions (physical & mental)
3. Educational conditions (drop-outs)

They are so closely related and so interwoven one can really not deal with either separately.

It is just possible that education may be the solution, but how can we educate the hungry, naked or sick. Yet we must agree that some people have the poverty problem because they lack brain power, and they lack brain power because they are poor and cannot afford education. Then there are mental laggards to figure out or deal with.

Officials insist that "education through high school, at least is essential to making a living above the poverty line in today's U.S.A.